

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: blb3n8TtETKQ3zrLoJvCW9u2cD0

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000145.000

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 06 July 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 06 July 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image depicts a girl's genitalia in close up with superimposed white text. Viewers with a sexual interest in young people are likely to be sexually aroused by the image. The publication serves to further legitimise and encourage this interest by presenting young teens as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual desire and fantasy. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.